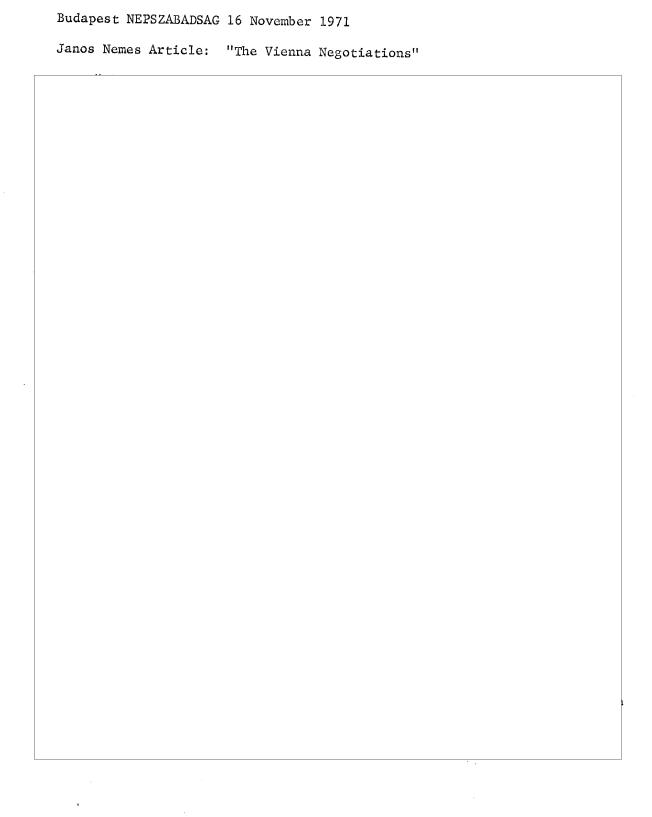
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In conformity with its firm principled policy, the position of the Soviet Union is, as has been stated by Premier Kosygin, too, in Canada: it hopes that an agreement concerning the limitation of strategic arms systems would be concluded in the first quarter of 1972, but possibly as early as in the last months of 1971.

If these hopes materialize, the peoples of the world can heave a great sigh of relief: the question of disarmament would have made a great stride forward."